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California Department of Conservation  
Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources

**ATTN: Aquifer Exemption**

**Proposed Freeport-McMoRan Arroyo Grande Oilfield, San Luis Obispo County**

801 K Street, MS 24-02

Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: 2<sup>nd</sup> Round of Comments Concerning PROPOSED AQUIFER EXEMPTION -  
Freeport-McMoRan (formerly PXP)  
Oil Well Operations – 1821 Price Canyon Road, San Luis Obispo, CA**

Sir or Madam:

Please accept this follow-up letter on behalf of my clients, the owners of the property adjoining and to the immediate southwest of the Freeport-McMoRan Oil and Gas (FMO&G) property at 1821 Price Canyon Road. We submitted initial correspondence dated September 23, 2015, requesting an exemption area boundary monitoring and reporting requirement.

The proposed expansion of the aquifer exemption adjoining my client's property is significant, and could represent a potential contaminant to the groundwater supplies we rely on for the vineyard and residential sites, and for this reason we again request a specific program be delineated that we can specifically review and comment on that addresses these concerns. Previous indications from Water Quality staff suggest such a program may be required, but to date nothing specific has been offered that would allow us to evaluate or comment.

We, again, appreciate the opportunity to raise these concerns. We respectfully ask that you outline your preliminary findings/recommendations with specific locations for monitoring-sentry wells along our common boundary, and a monitoring protocol so that we can be assured our interests are protected.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'David Watson', is placed above the printed name.

David Watson, AICP

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cc: Henry Warshaw, VRE